

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DAMASC 02227 211106Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 ONY-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----124965 211109Z /17-R
O 210821Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7695

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2227

FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER

STADIS////////////////////////////////////

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, SY
SUBJ: HIRC MARK-UP: SYRIAN JEWRY

REF: DAMASCUS 2217

1. AT AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 20 RECEPTION, DCM INFORMED TOUTAH AND HAMRA THAT WE HAD TAKEN UP SECOND LIST OF WOMEN WITH PRESIDENCY AND IT WAS NOT UNDER STUDY. TOUTAH'S REACTION WAS THAT THIS MEANS A NEGATIVE PRESIDENCY ATTITUDE SINCE IN SYRIAN PRACTICE A MATTER COULD REMAIN UNDER STUDY INDEFINITELY. DCM DISAGREED, POINTING OUT THAT THIS LIST WAS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN LAST SUMMER'S AND IT WAS NORMAL PRESIDENCY WOULD WANT TO STUDY IMPLICATIONS.

2. ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE RELAXATION IN SYRIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD TRAVEL ABROAD, TOUTAH CONFIRMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A GRADUAL RELAXATION IN EFFECT AT TIME OF SHALOM'S VISIT. MOST RECENT PASSPORT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT HAD BEEN ISSUED ABOUT A MONTH AGO. HOWEVER, TOUTAH HIMSELF HAD STOPPED PRESENTING AHD SUPPORTING APPLICATIONS AT THE TIME OF THE ISRAELI INCURSION INOT LEBANON, JUDGING THAT UNDER INFLUENCE OF THE LATEST "ISRAELI AGGRESSION," OFFICIALS COULD
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DAMASC 02227 211106Z

WELL REACT NEGATIVELY TO HIS PETITIONS. HE HAD BEEN TELLING COMMUNITY MEMBERS WISHING TO TRAVEL ABROAD THAT TIME WAS NOT RIGHT FOR THEM TO BE PETITIONING SECURITY AUTHORITIES. ADDITIONAL COMPLICATION, THOUTAH SAID, WAS THAT COL. MESSAOUD WAS PARTICIPATING IN THE NAAMEH ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION AND WAS RARELY IN HIS REGULAR OFFICE. LT. COL. ABD AL-SAMAD HAD NO REAL POWER.

3. DCM SUGGESTED TO TOUTAH THAT WITH ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL
FORM LEBANON NOW PROCEEDING, HE WAS BEING TOO
CAUTIOUS. HE TOOK THE POINT BUT DID NOT SAY WHETHER HE
WOULD RESUME PRESENTING APPLICATIONS.

4. RE PARA 3 DAMASCUS 2188, MY ANSWER TO ASSAD'S QUERY
"IS THIS REALLY A QUESTION OF MARRIAGE OR OF EMIGRATION?"
SHOULD OF COURSE HAVE READ "I REPLIED IT WAS THE
FORMER."
MURPHY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: WOMEN, JEWS, US CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, EXIT PERMITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978DAMASC02227
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780170-1065
Format: TEL
From: DAMASCUS
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780432/aaaabavs.tel
Line Count: 73
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: bc23efa9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY, STADIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY, STADIS
Reference: 78 DAMASCUS 2217
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2896195
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: HIRC MARK-UP: SYRIAN JEWRY
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, SY
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/bc23efa9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014